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MIDWEST LIVESTOCK REVIEW and RANGE AND FEEDLOT SALES

A two-way trend featured trading on slaughter steers at midwest terminals. High-Good and Choice generally sold steady to 50¢ higher while those average-Good and below were steady to 50¢ lower at most points. Heifers reacted to a higher heifer beef trade and sold generally steady to 50¢ higher, although a few points were weak to 25¢ lower. Cows closed steady to \$1.00 higher. Stockers and feeders were steady at most points. Barrows and gilts were largely steady to 25¢ lower; sows steady to 50¢ lower. Slaughter lambs sold strong to fully \$1.00 higher under the influence of curtailed receipts and higher dressed lamb prices.

SLAUGHTER CATTLE AND CALVES - High-Good and Choice steers sold steady to 50¢ higher at most midwest terminals. Steers average-Good and below also shared in the price upturn at a few markets but generally such cattle were slow to sell and steady to 50¢ lower. At the same time, Prime steers were 25¢-75¢ lower in Chicago as supplies of such cattle continued unseasonably large at 14 percent of the run. Steers under 1100# found the broadest outlet. Heifers were generally steady to 50¢ higher, although St. Joseph, Sioux City and St. Paul showed a steady to 50¢ lower trend with the greatest decline on Good and below. Cows sold steady to \$1.00 higher with very moderate numbers and a 50¢-\$1.00 higher carcass trade, bullish factors. Bulls were steady to 50¢ higher and vealers steady to \$1.00 higher in St. Paul and St. Louis. Slaughter steers and heifers made up the bulk of the receipts at most points with Good and Choice grades predominating. Prime steers were scarce at most terminals but in Chicago the percentage of Prime in the steer supply at 14 percent was twice that of the same week a year ago.

In Chicago, 2 loads Prime 1250-1338# steers brought \$28.50 early with several loads Prime 1050-1375# at \$28.25. However, at mid-week, only 1 load sold at \$28.25 and bulk of the Prime and mixed Choice and Prime 1000-1400# went at \$26.75-27.75. At other points a few mixed Choice and Prime 1150-1350# steers brought \$26.00-27.50 and bulk high-Good and Choice 900-1300# cashed at \$23.75-26.75 with high-Choice 1000# to \$27.50 in Chicago. Choice and mixed Choice and Prime 1350-1600# sold at \$23.00-27.00. Bulk Good steers brought \$22.50-24.50. Mixed Choice and Prime heifers sold at \$26.00-26.75 and bulk Choice at \$23.75-25.75. Good heifers sold at \$21.00-24.00. Utility and Commercial cows cashed at \$15.00-17.50; Canner and Cutter \$13.50-16.00.

STOCKER AND FEEDER CATTLE AND CALVES - Shipments of stocker and feeder steers and calves from the 10 markets totaled 28,000, compared 27,300 the previous week and 24,700 a year

earlier. Prices were mostly steady, but at Sioux City trading unevenly steady to 50¢ lower with the downturn on weights over 600#. At Kansas City, stock calves closed weak to 50¢ lower after selling on a fully steady basis earlier in the week. Storm conditions early in the week over much of the northern half of the midwest tended to curtail buyer attendance at markets in that area and was a factor influencing temporarily narrowed outlets. However, the start of a new grass season is now in the near future and, as usually is true at this time of year, there was widespread demand for stockers, particularly for Good and Choice 350-700# offerings. However, trading generally was slow. Feedlot operators continued to show moderate interest in cattle suitable to go immediately into drylot feeding, but buyers usually were decidedly price conscious as a result of the erratic and often bearish demand which has existed for slaughter cattle in recent weeks.

Majority Good and Choice 550-750# stock steers brought \$24.00-27.50, few loads Choice and Fancy 525-625# \$28.00-30.00. Load 623# was included at \$29.00. Medium and low-Good stockers sold from \$20.00-24.00. Good and Choice 800-1050# feeder steers bulked at \$22.00-25.00, few loads partly fattened 900-1050# included at \$23.00-24.25. Good and Choice yearling heifers sold chiefly from \$22.00-25.00, several loads 500-550# \$26.00-26.50. Two loads Choice and Fancy 384-409# steer calves brought \$33.00-34.00, other Good and Choice steer calves cashed at \$24.00-32.00, majority \$26.00-31.00. Good and Choice heifer calves sold from \$22.00-28.00, several loads Choice and Fancy \$28.50-30.00. A few Good springer cows brought \$18.00 and a couple loads cows with calves at side \$18.50-20.00.

HOGS - Terminal Markets - Receipts of hogs at the 12 markets totaled 294,000 head, 4 percent less than the previous week and 7 percent below a year earlier. Bulk of the supply was made up of shipments of mixed U. S. No. 1-3, 190-260# barrows and gilts. In the western Corn Belt area there was also a moderate showing of 270-300# but weights under 200# arrived in relatively small numbers. The average weight of barrows and gilts at the 8 markets was 231#. Sows again comprised around 6 - 10 percent of the supply at the various markets. Trading and demand proved uneven throughout the area. Outlets to order buyers were generally moderate, but those interests took 40 percent of the supply at Indianapolis. Prices in the wholesale pork trade were mixed, loins advancing

\$1.00-2.00 during the period, other cuts ranging steady to \$2.00 lower. Prices on barrows and gilts were somewhat uneven throughout the area but generally worked higher during the early part of the week only to lose all of the advance on late rounds to close steady to 25¢ lower at most markets. Indianapolis was steady to 25¢ higher. Sows closed steady to 50¢ lower.

On the close U. S. No. 1-2, 180-240# barrows and gilts sold at \$18.00-18.90, largely \$18.25-18.75. Bulk of the supply mixed U. S. 1-3, 180-260# offerings and brought \$17.50-18.25, mainly \$17.75-18.25. U. S. 2-3 250-300# butchers bulked at \$17.25-17.75. U. S. 1-3, 270-600# sows sold at \$15.00-17.00, up to \$17.25 at Omaha.

Prices on feeder pigs were steady at both Sioux City and St. Paul. Good and Choice 140-160# at Sioux City sold at \$17.00-17.50 while Good and Choice 130-160# at St. Paul brought \$17.50-18.00.

Hogs - Receipts in the Interior Iowa-Southern Minnesota area were 2 percent less than the previous week and a year ago. The decrease due primarily to the snow-storm on Wednesday. Mild price advances made Monday were lost on subsequent days, and late sales were 10-25¢ lower on barrows and gilts 180-240#, with heavier weights steady to 10¢ lower. Sows closed steady to 10¢ higher and made up about 5 percent of total receipts.

Mixed U. S. 1-3 200-240# barrows and gilts, and including some 190-200#, sold late at \$17.00-17.75 with limited No. 1-2 \$17.75-18.00. U. S. 1-3 270-400# sows brought \$15.50-16.90; 400-550# \$14.25-16.15, mostly \$14.25-15.75.

SHEEP AND LAMBS - Receipts of sheep and lambs at the 12 markets totaled 79,000 head, 12 percent less than the previous week and 9 percent below a year ago. Snowfall throughout much of the midwest was a factor curtailing slaughter lamb marketings. Reduced receipts combined with a higher carlot dressed trade were bullish factors stimulating demand on the live trade. Slaughter lambs sold steady to fully \$1.00 higher, mostly 25-75¢ up. Lambs 110# and heavier frequently showed the most upturn. Slaughter ewes were mostly steady. Feeding and shearing lambs were mostly steady except 50¢-75¢ higher at Denver.

Choice and Prime 90-116# woolled slaughter lambs sold mostly from \$17.00-18.00 on the close, sparingly to \$18.50; 116-127# mainly \$16.00-17.00. Good and Choice 80-118# woolled lambs \$16.00-17.50. Choice and Prime 94-112# shorn slaughter lambs with No. 1 and fall shorn pelts, some No. 2 pelts, \$16.00-17.00; few shipments Choice and Prime 94-104# lambs No. 1 and fall shorn pelts \$17.25-17.50. Good and Choice 90-117# shorn lambs No. 1-2 and fall shorn pelts \$16.00-16.50. Cull to Choice woolled and shorn slaughter ewes ranged from \$4.00-8.00.

Limited sales of Good and Choice 65-91# woolled feeder lambs brought \$15.00-17.50. A few

shipments of Good and Choice 85-107# shearing lambs moved at \$16.00-17.50, few to \$17.75.

Receipts of sheep and lambs in the Interior Iowa-Southern Minnesota area were little changed from the previous week but 25 percent over the same period last year. Slaughter lambs were strong to 50¢ higher, instances 75¢ up; slaughter ewes steady.

On Friday, Choice and Prime 80-105# woolled slaughter lambs delivered to packing plants brought mainly \$17.00-17.50; Choice and Prime 105-120# \$15.50-17.00, Good and Choice 80-110# \$16.00-17.00. Choice and Prime 80-105# shorn slaughter lambs with No. 1 and fall shorn pelts brought \$16.00-16.50 with moderate volume 90-100# lambs with fall shorn pelts \$16.75-17.00; Choice and Prime 105-115# \$15.00-16.25; Good and Choice 80-105# \$15.00-16.50. Cull to Choice woolled slaughter ewes mostly \$2.00-5.50.

RANGE AND FEEDLOT SALES

Note: Shrink on most range and feedlot sales none to 5 percent, mostly 4 percent f.o.b. some with short haul and 3 percent shrink. All sales for immediate delivery unless specified.

ARIZONA, CALIFORNIA, NEVADA AND UTAH - Direct trade on slaughter steers and heifers was active with prices steady to 50¢ higher; other slaughter and stocker and feeder classes moderately active, steady. Old crop slaughter lambs sold 50¢-\$1.00 lower.

Slaughter steers: Two loads Choice 975-1000# \$26.00 delivered to plant; 186 loads Choice 900-1100# \$24.75-25.50 with 27 loads for March 20-April delivery; 41 loads Choice 1100-1300# \$24.00-25.00; 88 loads high-Good and Choice 800-1100# \$24.00-24.75; 27 loads high-Good and Choice 1100-1325# \$23.50-24.00 including 15 loads to Texas; 56 loads mostly Good 900-1100# \$23.25-24.15; 19 loads Standard and Good 850-1075# \$22.00-23.00; 12 loads Standard 720-1175# \$21.00-21.60. Utah: 9 loads Choice 1050-1175# \$23.50-24.00.

Slaughter heifers: Around 75 loads Choice with an end of Good 600-1050# \$23.50-24.50, only 9 loads below \$24.00; 7 loads Good with Standard end 750-1000# \$22.25-23.00. Utah: 8 loads Choice with Good end 925-975# \$22.75-23.00.

Stockers and feeders: Five loads Good and Choice 600-950# steers \$25.00-25.25 to continue on feed; Good and Choice 575-975# \$22.75-24.00; Good and Choice 525-800# heifers \$22.00-23.00; Good and Choice 400-600# stock calves, steers \$25.00-27.00, heifers \$23.00-25.00.

Slaughter spring lambs: Near 8,000 head Choice and Prime 90-100# topped out of various bands \$20.00-21.00. Old crop slaughter lambs: Around 22,500 head mostly Choice 100-115# alfalfa pastured shorn with No. 1 and 2 pelts \$16.50-17.50. Utah: Ten loads Choice 105-110#

wooled \$17.50; 5 loads Good and Choice considered low-yielding 109-113# woolled \$15.50-15.75.

COLORADO, SOUTHERN WYOMING, WESTERN KANSAS AND WESTERN NEBRASKA - Trading on slaughter cattle direct at the feedlots was slow early in the week, but demand improved, particularly on heifers and trading turned rather active. Slaughter steers sold steady with heifers uneven, averaging about steady. In Colorado, around 100 loads low to average-Choice 1125-1325# slaughter steers \$24.75-25.50; 32 loads high-Good to average-Choice 1150-1250# \$24.00-24.75; 2 loads Good 1150# \$23.40. Around 267 loads low to high-Choice 775-1075# slaughter heifers \$24.25-25.00; 16 loads high-Good and average-Choice 900-1025# \$23.75-24.25; 2 loads mixed Cutter and Utility 1000# cows \$15.00. Western Nebraska: Around 10 loads mostly Choice 1125-1175# slaughter steers \$24.25-25.00; 8 loads high-Good to mostly Choice 900-1000# heifers \$23.75-24.35. Wyoming: Three loads average and high-Choice 1350# steers \$24.75; load average Choice 1000# heifers \$24.50.

Trading on stockers and feeders slow. Western Kansas: Around 12 loads Good and Choice 715-850# feeder steers \$23.00-24.25; 14 loads Good and Choice 600-700# heifers, late March delivery, \$23.00-23.50.

Slaughter lambs sold steady to 50¢ higher, on around 20,000 head. Colorado: Choice and Prime 90-110# woolled slaughter lambs \$17.25-17.75; few loads 112-116# \$17.00-17.50 with 120-126# at \$16.75-16.85. Several loads Choice 108-111# shorn lambs, No. 2 pelts, \$15.25-15.50. Three loads Utility and Good slaughter ewes \$5.65-5.75. Wyoming: Around 2,000 Choice and Prime 105# woolled slaughter lambs to California buyer \$16.50.

NEW MEXICO, WEST TEXAS, WESTERN OKLAHOMA, SOUTHWESTERN KANSAS - Clovis Area - Slaughter cattle moderately active and mostly steady, instances 25¢ lower on heifers. Demand for stockers and feeders good with prices steady. Load Choice 1200# slaughter steers \$26.50 delivered; 10 loads Good 1025-1075# \$24.50; 2 loads Choice 1100# slaughter heifers \$23.75; 8 loads Good and Choice 730-900# \$24.00; 3 loads Standard 850# \$22.50. Around 12 loads Good 575-625# slaughter calves \$23.00-24.50; bulk \$24.00-24.50; 1,700 Choice 600-700# feeder steers \$26.00-27.00, near 20 percent cut at \$23.00, bulk for May; 300 Good and Choice 717# feeder steers \$24.50; 1,400 Good and Choice 550-610# stock steers \$24.50-25.50; 850 Medium 625-640# \$22.00-22.50. About 200 Choice 550-575# stock heifers \$24.00; 500 mostly Good, few Choice 550-620# \$22.25-23.50; 570 Medium and Good 530-600# \$20.50-21.00; 550 Choice 400-475# stock calves, steers \$29.00-31.50, heifers \$26.00-27.00; 1,100 Good 400-425# \$26.50 on steers, \$24.00-25.00 on heifers; 750 Medium 410# \$24.00 on steers, \$21.00 on heifers.

Amarillo Area - Trading on slaughter cattle was slow, about steady; stockers and feeders firm. Three loads Choice 1075-1100# slaughter steers \$25.65 delivered; 4 loads Good 1000# \$23.50. Five loads Good slaughter heifers 600-650# \$22.00; 4 loads Choice 975-1000# \$24.50. Around 5,150 Good to mostly Choice 500-625# stock steers \$24.75-27.00, bulk for April delivery; 725 Medium and Good 625-725# \$23.25-23.50; 1,000 Good 750-800# mostly for April delivery \$23.25; 500 Good and Choice 500-575# stock heifers \$23.50-24.00; 1,200 575-750# \$23.50 for up to April; 900 Good and Choice calves 450-551# steers \$27.00-28.50, 450-475# heifers \$25.25; 200 Medium and Good cows, few with calves at side \$170.00-187.50 per cow or pair.

IDAHO, OREGON AND WASHINGTON - Trading on slaughter steers and heifers moderately active, steady to strong; stockers and feeders steady to strong; slaughter lambs fully steady to 25¢ higher.

Slaughter steers: Good to mostly Choice 975-1300# \$23.00-25.25, with some for delivery up to June; mixed Good and Choice 1000-1100# \$22.50-23.00 for up to 2 weeks delivery.

Slaughter heifers: Washington and Idaho, Good and Choice 850-1000# \$22.50-24.00.

Stockers and feeders: Choice 650-788# steers \$25.00-25.75, 800# heifers \$21.40; Good and Choice 625#, steers \$23.00, heifers \$21.00. Good and Choice 450# calves, steers \$27.00, heifers \$25.00.

Slaughter lambs: Choice and Prime 93-112# woolled and shorn, \$16.75-18.00.

MONTANA, NORTHERN WYOMING AND WESTERN DAKOTAS - Direct trading slow on all classes. Slaughter steers steady to weak; stocker and feeder yearlings and cows scarce; stock calves unchanged. Both slaughter and shearing lambs 25-50¢ higher.

Cattle: Montana, 250 Choice 1100-1200# slaughter steers \$23.50-24.00; load high-Good and Choice 2-year-old stock heifers \$225.00 per head. Calves: Montana - Around 900 mixed high-Good and Choice 425-550# steers \$27.00-28.50; 175 high-Good to mostly Choice, steers 450# \$27.50, heifers 400-425# \$25.50; 375 Good and Choice 475-500# heifers \$24.00-24.75. Northern Wyoming - 400 high-Choice around 400# for April 1 delivery, steers \$32.50, heifers \$29.00; 400 high-Choice 400-525# heifers \$28.00.

Sheep: Montana and northern Wyoming, 4,700 Good and Choice 100-115# slaughter lambs \$15.75-16.50; 1,800 Good and Choice 117-125# \$14.50-15.30; 300 Choice 91# shearing lambs \$16.00; 400 Good and Choice 2-5-year-old bred ewes \$15.00-21.00 each.

Wool: Steady to strong. Eastern Montana - Around 4,700# mostly half-blood lambs wool 35-36½¢ grease basis. Northern Wyoming - 70,000# half-blood to mostly fine \$1.05½-1.07, clean basis; 50,000# half blood and fine 40-42½¢ grease basis; 120,000# mostly in small lots, bulk 35-40¢.

WEEKLY RECEIPTS OF SALABLE LIVESTOCK AT 12 PUBLIC MARKETS

Market	Cattle		Calves		Hogs		Sheep and lambs	
	Mar. 11	Mar. 12	Mar. 11	Mar. 12	Mar. 11	Mar. 12	Mar. 11	Mar. 12
	1961	1960	1961	1960	1961	1960	1961	1960
Chicago	35,053	39,613	140	173	29,563	29,462	2,858	4,630
Cincinnati	2,570	3,115	599	532	12,754	13,847	434	423
Denver	7,965	9,175	402	404	4,725	6,290	18,780	22,356
Fort Worth	6,044	6,853	826	2,259	3,003	3,235	5,643	12,347
Indianapolis	6,024	5,757	303	324	34,834	40,211	789	1,386
Kansas City	18,115	18,920	1,337	700	17,680	15,562	4,516	7,572
Oklahoma City	11,248	9,687	816	715	4,592	4,455	1,599	1,651
Omaha	32,155	33,705	620	422	33,150	37,316	14,554	11,900
St. Joseph	16,312	14,977	572	561	21,091	21,926	6,195	5,650
St. Louis NSY	13,193	13,931	1,424	1,453	54,764	67,401	4,131	2,745
Sioux City	25,239	27,891	668	672	30,763	29,255	6,573	8,538
S. St. Paul	18,086	20,557	5,807	6,906	46,684	46,858	12,953	8,122
Total	192,004	204,181	13,514	15,121	293,603	315,818	79,025	87,320
Mar. 4, 1961	207,275		13,582		304,559		89,321	

INTERIOR IOWA AND SOUTHERN MINNESOTA

	Mar. 11, 1961	Mar. 4, 1961	Mar. 12, 1960
Hogs	348,000	355,000	357,000
Sheep	28,300	27,500	22,700

STOCKER AND FEEDER CATTLE: AVERAGE COST, WEIGHT, AND NUMBER

	Week ended			Month		Two months	
	Mar. 9	Mar. 2	Mar. 10	Feb.	Feb.	Jan-Feb.	
	1961	1960	1960	1961	1960	1961	1960
Steers - 1001# up	773	1,040	1,114	3,197	2,708	7,406	5,329
901-1000	1,776	2,081	2,675	7,223	8,058	17,711	16,341
801-900	2,350	3,258	3,952	12,002	12,378	29,687	27,363
701-800	3,195	3,979	3,413	11,948	14,492	31,371	34,747
501-700	10,852	9,633	8,272	33,239	32,316	83,081	68,697
Total steers 10 markets	18,946	19,931	19,426	67,609	69,952	169,256	152,477
Av. wts. " " "	704#	728#	752#	725#	732#	724#	730#
Av. cost* " " "	\$24.06	\$23.77	\$24.73	\$23.97	\$24.05	\$24.32	\$23.81
" " " Chicago	22.93	22.58	24.87	23.12	23.27	23.38	23.37
" " " Kansas City	24.13	23.93	24.73	23.70	23.80	24.03	23.53
" " " Omaha	24.09	23.43	24.74	24.09	23.88	24.52	23.78
" " " S. St. Paul	22.30	19.80	23.69	22.10	22.23	22.08	21.96
" " " Sioux City	25.53	25.50	26.39	25.58	25.52	25.96	25.25
" " " Denver	22.71	23.83	25.39	23.12	23.53	25.29	24.74
" " " Ft. Worth	23.31	23.20	24.58	23.68	23.75	23.57	23.29
" " " Oklahoma City ...	23.49	23.13	23.65	23.26	23.74	23.32	22.82
" " " S. St. Joseph ...	24.49	23.88	24.14	23.97	23.66	23.56	23.39
" " " St. Louis NSY ...	22.90	22.44	24.13	22.77	23.04	22.96	22.82
Total calves - 10 markets	9,072	7,316	5,243	30,233	31,380	100,325	85,972
" heifers " "	2,492	2,719	2,596	9,945	10,381	24,361	21,519
" cows " "	557	550	414	2,522	2,634	6,968	5,515

* Not adjusted for differences in grade of cattle sold at each market.

ESTIMATED PERCENT OF STOCKER AND FEEDER CATTLE AND SLAUGHTER COWS IN SALABLE RECEIPTS

Week ended	Chicago	Kansas City	Omaha	S. St. Joseph	St. Louis NSY	Sioux City	S. St. Paul	Indianapolis	Denver	Ft. Worth	Oklahoma City	Wichita	San Antonio
Stockers and feeders													
Mar. 10, 1961	2	35	9	13	8	26	7	10	5	60	67	50	50
Mar. 3, 1961	2	37	10	10	8	28	8	10	13	65	67	45	50
Mar. 11, 1960	2	40	13	16	3	18	8	8	10	60	70	33	50
Slaughter cows													
Mar. 10, 1961	5	7	6	5	11	4	20	13	12	15	11	16	15
Mar. 3, 1961	5	7	8	7	11	6	27	13	15	15	9	20	18
Mar. 11, 1960	6	6	8	4	9	5	22	8	18	20	5	17	15

STEERS SOLD OUT OF FIRST HANDS FOR SLAUGHTER 1/								
Grade	Number of head		Percent of total by grades		Average weight (pounds)		Average price in dollars per 100 lb.	
	Mar. 9 1961	Mar. 10 1960	Mar. 9 1961	Week ended Mar. 10 1960	Mar. 9 1961	Mar. 10 1960	Mar. 9 1961	Mar. 10 1960
CHICAGO								
Prime.....	3,808	2,306	13.9	7.9	1,266	1,259	27.54	31.03
Choice.....	17,484	13,827	63.6	47.5	1,199	1,220	25.97	28.23
Good.....	5,152	10,960	18.7	37.7	1,106	1,122	23.98	26.17
Standard.....	669	1,633	2.4	5.6	1,002	1,026	21.25	23.00
Commercial.....	9	6	.1	--	1,568	1,378	20.00	21.50
Utility.....	364	369	1.3	1.3	1,032	1,068	18.97	19.56
All grades.....	27,486	29,101			1,184	1,173	25.68	27.36
OMAHA								
Prime.....	175	124	1.1	.7	1,273	1,277	26.65	28.49
Choice.....	7,827	5,555	48.0	32.8	1,198	1,198	24.89	26.97
Good.....	7,465	10,385	45.8	61.3	1,125	1,108	23.66	25.19
Standard.....	760	746	4.6	4.4	1,118	1,075	19.79	20.69
Utility.....	82	145	.5	.8	1,000	995	18.30	18.70
All grades.....	16,309	16,955			1,161	1,137	24.11	25.60
SIOUX CITY								
Prime.....	188	192	1.6	1.5	1,182	1,193	26.67	28.94
Choice.....	7,350	4,053	61.4	31.1	1,184	1,193	24.97	27.03
Good.....	3,777	8,228	31.6	63.1	1,126	1,122	23.60	25.75
Standard.....	649	384	5.4	2.9	1,110	1,097	20.21	21.07
Utility.....	--	183	--	1.4	--	1,001	--	19.38
All grades.....	11,964	13,040			1,162	1,143	24.33	26.00
KANSAS CITY								
Prime.....	10	33	.1	.5	1,235	1,148	26.25	28.61
Choice.....	1,917	3,062	26.3	44.8	1,169	1,111	24.97	26.15
Good.....	4,467	2,454	61.4	35.9	1,097	1,106	23.73	24.87
Standard.....	784	1,180	10.8	17.3	1,104	1,053	20.87	22.70
Commercial.....	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Utility.....	101	107	1.4	.5	978	997	18.62	19.15
All grades.....	7,279	6,836			1,115	1,098	23.71	25.03
ST. LOUIS NSY								
Prime.....	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Choice.....	1,112	517	18.0	7.9	1,077	1,078	25.21	27.22
Good.....	3,815	3,860	61.9	59.1	1,042	1,038	23.84	25.44
Standard.....	981	1,926	15.9	29.5	972	985	21.23	22.84
Commercial.....	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Utility.....	259	232	4.2	3.5	949	893	18.15	19.75
All grades.....	6,167	6,535			1,033	1,020	23.49	24.67
S. ST. JOSEPH								
Prime.....	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Choice.....	2,966	2,081	33.0	29.1	1,162	1,138	25.02	26.69
Good.....	5,512	4,530	61.3	63.4	1,119	1,082	23.51	24.98
Standard.....	517	504	5.7	7.0	1,112	1,082	19.93	20.76
Utility.....	--	33	--	.5	--	981	--	18.95
All grades.....	8,995	7,148			1,133	1,098	23.82	25.18
DENVER								
Prime.....	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Choice.....	2,183	1,682	67.5	59.1	1,177	1,199	24.97	26.31
Good.....	947	1,066	29.3	37.5	1,137	1,108	23.91	25.00
Standard.....	104	86	3.2	3.0	1,177	1,101	20.00	20.38
Utility.....	--	10	--	.4	--	827	--	16.50
All grades.....	3,234	2,844			1,166	1,161	24.51	25.65

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STEERS SOLD OUT OF FIRST HANDS FOR SLAUGHTER 1/

Grade	Number of head		Percent of total by grades		Average weight (pounds)		Average price in dollars per 100 lb.	
	Month							
	Feb. 1961	Feb. 1960	Feb. 1961	Feb. 1960	Feb. 1961	Feb. 1960	Feb. 1961	Feb. 1960
CHICAGO								
Prime.....	18,038	15,226	16.3	11.5	1,237	1,249	27.74	28.47
Choice.....	63,478	81,618	57.5	61.7	1,180	1,196	26.17	26.69
Good.....	24,315	29,199	22.0	22.1	1,126	1,102	24.23	25.10
Standard.....	3,280	4,958	3.0	3.7	1,027	1,008	21.75	22.17
Commercial.....	70	197	.1	.2	1,581	1,560	21.48	21.22
Utility.....	1,242	1,017	1.1	.8	1,056	1,046	19.24	18.87
All grades.....	110,423	132,215			1,172	1,174	25.84	26.37
OMAHA								
Prime.....	601	860	.9	1.1	1,196	1,153	26.76	27.48
Choice.....	26,097	29,981	39.8	37.6	1,190	1,187	25.13	25.64
Good.....	34,654	44,073	52.8	55.2	1,139	1,142	23.93	23.91
Standard.....	3,645	4,161	5.5	5.2	1,105	1,061	20.59	20.24
Utility.....	649	698	1.0	.9	1,032	1,075	19.14	17.68
All grades.....	65,646	79,773			1,157	1,154	24.23	24.39
SIOUX CITY								
Prime.....	497	1,138	1.1	2.4	1,187	1,138	27.30	27.88
Choice.....	25,629	22,830	57.0	47.1	1,179	1,163	25.55	26.28
Good.....	16,486	22,400	36.6	46.4	1,134	1,130	24.04	24.51
Standard.....	2,400	1,378	5.3	2.8	1,105	1,119	20.52	20.46
Utility.....	--	615	--	1.3	--	1,060	--	17.93
All grades.....	45,012	48,361			1,157	1,145	24.77	25.25
KANSAS CITY								
Prime.....	157	17	.6	--	1,156	1,054	27.00	27.84
Choice.....	6,019	15,750	21.8	45.1	1,181	1,150	25.16	25.15
Good.....	18,464	14,525	67.0	41.5	1,093	1,118	23.97	23.88
Standard.....	2,771	4,335	10.0	12.4	1,061	1,062	21.25	21.80
Commercial.....	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Utility.....	156	320	.6	1.0	981	1,035	18.75	18.25
All grades.....	27,567	34,947			1,108	1,125	23.97	24.18
ST. LOUIS NSF								
Prime.....	2	11	--	--	1,045	860	28.00	27.82
Choice.....	3,003	6,005	13.0	23.1	1,093	1,067	25.68	26.02
Good.....	14,289	14,633	61.8	56.3	1,042	1,059	24.20	24.20
Standard.....	5,292	4,856	22.9	18.7	985	1,003	21.58	21.31
Commercial.....	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Utility.....	527	506	2.3	1.9	909	910	18.08	18.35
All grades.....	23,113	26,011			1,033	1,047	23.71	24.02
S. ST. JOSEPH								
Prime.....	--	20	--	--	--	1,250	--	28.25
Choice.....	8,707	11,055	30.4	31.2	1,149	1,147	25.31	25.51
Good.....	18,379	20,986	64.1	59.2	1,122	1,107	23.83	23.77
Standard.....	1,548	3,267	5.4	9.2	1,089	1,071	20.37	20.46
Utility.....	23	148	.1	.4	967	985	18.30	17.12
All grades.....	28,657	35,476			1,128	1,115	24.10	24.01
DENVER								
Prime.....	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Choice.....	6,848	5,603	71.5	50.0	1,175	1,200	25.21	25.47
Good.....	2,618	5,096	27.4	45.4	1,124	1,143	24.23	24.29
Standard.....	78	416	.8	3.7	1,078	1,127	20.30	18.94
Utility.....	28	105	.3	.9	906	1,221	18.22	17.76
All grades.....	9,572	11,220			1,159	1,171	24.90	24.64

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STEERS SOLD OUT OF FIRST HANDS FOR SLAUGHTER AT SEVEN MARKETS COMBINED 1/

Grade	Number of head		Percent of total by grades		Average weight (pounds)		Average price in dollars per 100 lb.	
	Month							
	Feb. 1961	Feb. 1960	Feb. 1961	Feb. 1960	Feb. 1961	Feb. 1960	Feb. 1961	Feb. 1960
Prime	19,295	17,272	6.2	4.7	1,234	1,240	27.69	28.39
Choice	139,781	172,842	45.1	47.0	1,178	1,179	25.71	26.18
Good	129,205	150,912	41.7	41.0	1,115	1,117	24.02	24.25
Standard	19,014	23,371	6.1	6.3	1,050	1,044	21.11	21.16
Commercial ...	70	197	--	.1	1,581	1,561	21.48	21.22
Utility	2,625	3,409	.9	.9	1,014	1,036	18.96	18.20
All grades ...	309,990	368,003			1,146	1,147	24.85	25.16

HEIFERS SOLD OUT OF FIRST HANDS FOR SLAUGHTER AT SEVEN MARKETS COMBINED 1/

Grade	Number of head		Percent of total by grades		Average weight (pounds)		Average price in dollars per 100 lb.	
	Month							
	Feb. 1961	Feb. 1960	Feb. 1961	Feb. 1960	Feb. 1961	Feb. 1960	Feb. 1961	Feb. 1960
Prime	1,790	1,941	1.5	1.5	1,012	1,028	26.55	27.48
Choice	49,466	51,487	42.3	41.1	974	957	24.99	25.81
Good	55,265	59,769	47.3	47.7	919	903	23.34	23.82
Standard	8,819	10,464	7.5	8.4	872	864	20.46	20.33
Utility	1,643	1,626	1.4	1.3	939	903	17.88	17.42
All grades	116,983	125,287			941	924	23.84	24.38

SOLD OUT OF FIRST HANDS FOR SLAUGHTER AT FIVE SPECIFIED MARKETS 1/
STEERS

Market	Number of head		Average weight (pounds)		Average price in dollars per 100 lb.	
	Month					
	Feb. 1961	Feb. 1960	Feb. 1961	Feb. 1960	Feb. 1961	Feb. 1960
Cincinnati	3,249	3,895	1,072	1,032	23.81	24.09
Indianapolis	12,339	13,857	1,042	1,067	23.90	24.93
Fort Worth	2,318	3,712	941	968	23.62	22.86
Oklahoma City	3,101	4,532	1,119	1,093	24.23	23.48
Sioux Falls	7,862	7,996	1,158	1,145	23.92	24.87

HEIFERS

Cincinnati	2,300	2,601	758	766	22.83	24.04
Indianapolis	3,301	3,650	858	859	23.32	24.16
Fort Worth	1,840	1,494	646	652	23.44	23.95
Oklahoma City	1,942	2,125	870	823	23.74	23.06
Sioux Falls	6,264	6,053	969	955	23.11	23.83

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WEEKLY SLAUGHTER UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION AT MAJOR CENTERS

City or Area	Cattle		Calves		Hogs		Sheep and lambs	
	Mar. 11	Mar. 12	Mar. 11	Mar. 12	Mar. 11	Mar. 12	Mar. 11	Mar. 12
	1961	1960	1961	1960	1961	1960	1961	1960
Boston, New York City Area...	11,270	12,132	10,929	8,276	48,441	49,345	35,003	37,474
Baltimore, Philadelphia.....	8,126	7,780	2,400	2,695	31,954	26,057	4,186	4,178
Cin., Cleve., Detroit, Indpls...	18,604	17,040	3,487	3,307	134,115	137,805	11,363	10,750
Chicago Area.....	12,420	15,907	5,000	6,487	40,806	32,309	5,400	2,367
St. Paul-Wisc. Areas.....	24,368	27,261	15,011	22,822	98,199	113,496	18,562	12,536
St. Louis Area.....	10,099	10,474	1,075	1,204	83,759	84,961	3,712	4,072
Sioux City-So. Dakota Area...	19,093	21,410	--	--	91,063	78,275	13,066	14,875
Omaha Area.....	34,433	32,535	81	150	74,276	76,172	16,063	12,442
Kansas City.....	14,755	13,345	--	--	34,862	39,579	--	--
Iowa - So. Minnesota.....	24,182	27,563	6,297	9,080	269,449	277,361	34,607	27,195
Lou'1, Evan'1, Nash'1, Mph's....	5,280	5,496	2,218	2,614	66,317	64,502	--	--
Georgia, Florida, Ala. Area..	9,444	6,899	4,183	2,505	39,384	30,575	--	--
St. Jo'ph, Wichita, Okla. City.	19,908	18,747	556	1,150	45,300	45,545	10,444	7,767
Ft. Worth, Dallas, San Antonio..	9,871	9,106	3,714	4,027	14,440	19,621	14,506	13,757
Denver, Ogden, Salt Lake City..	19,810	19,330	178	260	15,230	18,354	29,921	28,931
Los Angeles, San Fran. Areas.	29,417	27,042	1,073	1,431	28,661	25,890	29,788	32,566
Portland, Seattle, Spokane...	8,154	6,920	242	313	19,759	17,360	5,180	3,748
Total.....	279,234	278,987	56,444	66,321	1,136,015	1,137,207	231,801	212,658
Accumulation to date.....	2,960,145		642,150		11,219,154		2,534,831	
		2,994,182		692,550		12,744,752		2,481,736

ESTIMATED FEDERALLY INSPECTED SLAUGHTER AND MEAT PRODUCTION

Week ended	Beef		Veal		Pork (excl. lard)		Lamb and mutton		Total meat	Total lard
	Num- ber	Prod. mil.lb.	Num- ber	Prod. mil.lb.	Num- ber	Prod. mil.lb.	Num- ber	Prod. mil.lb.	mil.lb.	mil.lb.
	1,000		1,000		1,000		1,000			
Mar. 11, 1961	340	207.4	83	8.7	1,315	179.2	255	13.0	408.3	--
Mar. 4, 1961	370	224.6	87	9.3	1,380	189.8	270	13.8	437.5	--
Feb. 18, 1961 1/.....	368	--	99	--	1,387	--	300	--	--	41.6
Mar. 12, 1960 I/.....	338	204.6	100	10.6	1,302	172.0	236	12.0	399.2	41.4

Percentage change from:

Mar. 4, 1961	-8	-8	-5	-6	-5	-6	-6	-6	-7	--
Mar. 12, 1960	1	1	-17	-18	1	4	8	8	2	--

Week ended	Cattle		Calves		Hogs		Sheep and lambs		Lard yield per 100 lb.
	Live	Dressed	Live	Dressed	Live	Dressed	Live	Dressed	
	1,000	mil.lb.	1,000	mil.lb.	1,000	mil.lb.	1,000	mil.lb.	
Mar. 11, 1961	1060	610	185	105	235	136	105	51	--
Mar. 4, 1961	1055	607	190	107	237	138	105	51	--
Feb. 18, 1961	1050	598	200	112	240	139	105	51	--
Mar. 12, 1960	1055	605	184	106	229	132	105	51	13.9

1/ Actual slaughter. 2/ Excludes lard.

CATTLE: WEEKLY AVERAGE OF DAILY QUOTATIONS
In dollars per 100 pounds

Classification	Chicago		Kansas City		Omaha		Denver		North Portland	
	Mar.	Mar.	Mar.	Mar.	Mar.	Mar.	Mar.	Mar.	Mar.	Mar.
	11	12	11	12	11	12	11	12	11	12
	1961	1960	1961	1960	1961	1960	1961	1960	1961	1960
<u>Slaughter cattle, calves and vealers</u>										
Steers -										
Prime 900-1100#	27.55	30.75	--	--	26.95	29.62	--	--	--	--
1100-1300	27.48	31.25	--	--	26.88	29.50	--	--	--	--
Choice 900-1100	26.05	28.78	25.48	27.00	25.78	27.90	24.98	26.50	25.12	27.25
1100-1300	25.80	28.82	25.12	26.88	25.68	27.68	24.98	26.45	24.50	26.88
Good 900-1100	23.55	25.92	23.65	24.90	23.42	24.60	22.65	23.50	23.25	25.50
Standard - All wts.	21.08	22.58	20.50	21.78	20.08	21.08	19.90	19.75	20.50	22.50
Heifers -										
Choice 700-900#	25.02	27.40	24.72	26.12	25.08	27.00	24.23	25.88	23.75	--
Good 600-800	--	--	22.68	24.15	22.58	24.18	22.30	22.80	22.00	24.25
Standard - All wts.	19.95	21.50	19.75	21.52	19.75	20.38	19.50	19.15	19.00	21.50
Cows - All weights -										
Commercial	16.50	17.48	16.35	18.00	16.55	17.80	--	18.05	--	18.50
Utility	16.30	17.12	15.98	16.80	15.80	16.78	16.41	16.72	15.25	17.00
Cutter	15.58	16.35	15.35	15.50	15.10	15.60	14.88	15.42	13.75	14.62
Canner	13.82	14.78	14.60	13.88	14.30	14.58	13.62	14.35	12.31	12.50
Bulls - All weights -										
Commercial	18.68	22.38	17.50	20.45	17.50	21.12	--	--	--	21.12
Utility	18.92	21.90	17.75	20.20	17.50	20.85	18.50	20.45	19.50	21.81
Calves - 500# down -										
Choice	--	--	23.25	27.00	--	--	--	--	--	28.50
Good	--	--	21.75	24.50	--	--	--	--	25.38	25.75
Standard	--	--	19.00	21.75	--	--	--	--	21.88	22.50
Vealers - All wts. -										
Choice	29.50	33.00	29.00	29.00	26.50	27.00	--	--	31.50	32.50
Good	26.50	31.00	25.25	26.25	23.50	24.50	--	--	29.38	29.50
Standard	22.00	26.50	20.75	23.00	20.25	21.00	--	--	25.25	25.00
<u>Stocker and feeder cattle and calves</u>										
Steers -										
Choice 500-800#	26.75	29.00	26.88	28.75	26.38	28.00	25.88	26.75	24.75	25.25
Good 500-800	24.38	26.25	24.25	25.75	24.38	25.12	24.00	24.50	23.50	23.50
Medium 500-1000	21.50	23.00	20.50	21.75	21.12	21.25	21.25	21.50	20.25	20.50
Heifers -										
Choice 500-750#	--	--	23.50	25.50	24.25	25.00	24.25	24.45	--	23.75
Med. & Gd. 500-750	--	--	20.50	21.75	20.75	21.75	21.50	22.00	19.75	20.50
Cows - All wts. -										
Med. & Gd.	--	--	16.25	17.25	15.25	15.25	16.50	16.75	--	15.50
Calves - 300-500# -										
Steers -										
Good & Choice	--	--	28.30	30.50	29.00	30.50	29.50	30.50	25.88	28.00
Heifers -										
Good & Choice	--	--	25.25	27.25	25.25	27.00	27.50	28.25	23.62	25.50

CATTLE: MONTHLY AVERAGE PRICES
In dollars per 100 pounds

Classification	Chicago		Kansas City		Omaha		Denver		North Portland	
	Feb.	Feb.	Feb.	Feb.	Feb.	Feb.	Feb.	Feb.	Feb.	Feb.
	1961	1960	1961	1960	1961	1960	1961	1960	1961	1960
<u>Slaughter cattle, calves and vealers</u>										
Steers -										
Prime 900-1100#	27.96	28.51	--	--	27.30	27.99	--	--	--	--
1100-1300	27.60	28.54	--	--	27.08	27.79	--	--	--	--
Choice 900-1100	26.66	27.23	25.85	26.26	26.15	26.58	25.60	26.06	25.47	26.47
1100-1300	25.84	26.75	25.65	26.14	25.82	26.12	25.56	25.65	24.56	25.79
Good 900-1100	24.30	24.72	23.90	23.98	23.87	23.58	22.95	22.63	23.52	24.75
Standard - All wts.	21.69	21.70	20.68	21.08	20.94	20.10	20.00	18.96	20.58	22.12
Heifers -										
Choice 700-900#	25.66	26.54	24.94	25.63	25.53	26.32	24.83	25.73	23.37	24.34
Good 600-800	--	--	22.96	23.32	23.34	23.44	22.58	22.58	21.72	23.00
Standard - All wts.	21.12	20.50	19.78	20.33	20.36	19.78	19.50	19.00	19.19	20.69
Cows - All weights -										
Commercial	16.30	15.95	16.49	16.68	16.30	16.05	--	17.57	16.88	17.71
Utility	16.14	15.48	15.68	15.49	15.64	15.14	15.99	16.23	15.03	15.89
Cutter	15.42	15.05	14.92	14.78	14.82	13.99	13.97	14.55	13.76	13.17
Canner	14.04	13.60	13.99	13.52	13.95	13.14	12.84	13.47	12.03	10.81
Bulls - All weights -										
Commercial	19.57	21.33	17.69	19.06	18.05	19.25	--	--	--	20.81
Utility	19.72	20.40	17.94	18.74	18.16	18.63	18.40	19.69	19.25	21.44
Calves - 500# down -										
Choice	--	--	23.06	25.46	--	--	--	--	--	28.50
Good	--	--	21.22	23.50	--	--	--	--	23.50	25.62
Standard	--	--	19.22	20.38	--	--	--	--	20.06	22.50
Vealers - All wts. -										
Choice	28.85	30.95	27.88	28.78	26.20	25.63	--	--	30.28	31.72
Good	26.02	29.40	24.58	26.00	23.24	23.75	--	--	28.00	29.28
Standard	21.70	25.48	20.52	22.25	20.03	20.75	--	--	24.19	25.00
<u>Stocker and feeder cattle and calves</u>										
Steers -										
Choice 500-800#	26.92	27.75	26.28	26.94	26.57	26.88	25.88	26.00	24.50	24.81
Good 500-800	24.54	25.31	23.90	24.59	24.44	24.25	24.00	24.00	22.88	23.50
Medium 500-1000	21.50	21.81	20.14	20.88	21.19	20.25	21.25	21.00	20.00	20.25
Heifers -										
Choice 500-750#	--	--	23.31	24.06	24.25	24.44	24.25	23.62	--	23.50
Med. & Gd. 500-750	--	--	20.00	19.94	20.75	21.50	21.50	21.25	19.00	20.25
Cows - All wts. -										
Med. & Gd.	--	--	15.62	16.12	15.38	14.00	16.50	16.00	--	15.06
Calves - 300-500# -										
Steers -										
Good & Choice	--	--	27.69	29.28	29.19	29.94	29.50	30.00	25.19	26.88
Heifers -										
Good & Choice	--	--	24.42	26.40	25.25	27.00	27.12	27.40	23.00	25.06

HOGS: WEEKLY AVERAGE OF DAILY QUOTATIONS

In dollars per 100 pounds

Classification	Chicago	Interior	St. Louis	Omaha	Indianapolis	St. Joseph	Kansas City	Peoria
	Mar. 11 : 12 : 1961	Mar. 11 : 12 : 1961	Mar. 11 : 12 : 1961	Mar. 11 : 12 : 1961	Mar. 11 : 12 : 1961	Mar. 11 : 12 : 1961	Mar. 11 : 12 : 1961	Mar. 11 : 12 : 1961
Barrows and gilts -								
U. S. No. 1 & 2	18.20	15.33	15.86	18.22	15.52	18.18	15.79	16.03
180-200#	18.44	15.84	15.86	18.68	16.41	18.22	15.82	16.36
200-220	18.14	15.74	15.82	18.68	16.38	18.05	15.76	16.33
220-240	18.05	15.50	15.50	18.20	15.80	17.68	15.54	16.05
200-220	17.88	15.48	15.42	18.20	15.80	17.56	15.46	16.10
220-240	17.62	15.36	15.10	18.02	15.60	17.31	15.22	16.04
240-270	17.96	15.10	16.85	14.90	17.98	15.61	17.82	15.80
U. S. No. 1, 2 & 3	18.16	15.68	17.49	15.38	17.98	15.58	18.34	15.67
180-200	18.01	15.62	17.49	15.20	17.94	15.48	18.34	15.94
200-220	17.62	15.48	17.12	14.80	17.78	15.20	18.08	15.55
220-240								18.18
240-270								15.97
Sows - U.S. 1, 2 & 3								15.80
270-330								15.80
330-400								15.80
400-550								15.80
South								
St. Paul								
Sioux City								
Sioux Falls								
Cincinnati								
Fort Worth								
Thomasville								
Baltimore								
North								
Portland								
Barrows and gilts -								
U. S. No. 1 & 2	18.48	16.05	18.28	15.82	--	17.95	15.55	17.48
180-200#	18.48	16.42	18.44	16.37	18.34	16.12	18.07	17.48
200-220	18.48	16.42	18.44	16.33	18.34	16.12	17.86	17.48
220-240	18.05	15.90	18.14	16.08	18.05	15.88	17.89	14.91
200-220	18.05	15.90	18.12	16.06	18.05	15.88	17.75	14.20
220-240	17.80	15.75	17.97	15.86	17.58	15.72	17.43	14.20
240-270	18.10	15.70	18.26	15.82	--	17.86	15.44	13.68
U. S. No. 1, 2 & 3	18.10	15.92	18.32	16.18	18.18	16.08	17.92	14.30
180-200	18.10	15.92	18.32	16.14	18.12	16.08	17.76	14.30
200-220	17.85	15.80	18.00	15.96	17.71	15.88	17.44	14.30
220-240	16.88	14.38	17.00	--	--	14.40	16.65	14.30
200-220	16.62	14.25	16.58	14.30	16.55	14.18	16.28	14.30
220-240	16.28	13.78	16.08	14.10	15.80	13.72	15.62	14.30
240-270	17.75	13.70	17.25	--	--	12.68	--	14.30
Sows - U.S. 1, 2 & 3								
270-330								
330-400								
400-550								
Feeder pigs - All wts.								
Good and Choice								

HOGS: AVERAGE COST, WEIGHT, AND NUMBER OF PACKER AND SHIPPER PURCHASES 1/

Week ended		Chi- cago	St. Louis Nat'l. Stock Yards	Kan- sas City	Omaha	Sioux City	S. St. Joseph	S. St. Paul	Indian- apolis	8- mkts. com- bined
AVERAGE COST -		Dollars per 100 pounds								
Barrows and gilts	Mar. 11, 1961	17.85	17.87	18.00	18.22	17.98	18.08	17.92	17.77	17.94
	Mar. 4, 1961	17.78	17.83	17.89	17.89	17.80	17.90	17.80	17.94	17.85
	Mar. 12, 1960	15.38	15.28	15.60	15.85	15.79	15.77	15.82	15.46	15.58
Sows	Mar. 11, 1961	16.01	16.53	16.58	16.78	16.26	16.54	16.20	15.79	16.34
	Mar. 4, 1961	15.97	16.41	16.56	16.50	16.32	16.43	16.34	15.97	16.32
	Mar. 12, 1960	13.32	13.64	13.95	14.10	13.89	13.95	13.89	13.43	13.73
AVERAGE WEIGHT -		Pounds								
Barrows and gilts	Mar. 11, 1961	234	219	233	237	242	232	232	226	231
	Mar. 4, 1961	234	223	233	238	243	231	232	222	232
	Mar. 12, 1960	235	217	224	235	241	224	232	222	227
Sows	Mar. 11, 1961	451	399	420	432	448	417	425	455	429
	Mar. 4, 1961	446	404	433	432	443	423	424	442	428
	Mar. 12, 1960	451	401	404	430	445	392	420	439	426
NUMBER OF HEAD -										
Barrows and gilts	Mar. 11, 1961	23169	49134	15395	28388	27691	18900	37070	30705	230452
	Mar. 4, 1961	22351	49493	14817	34583	28443	22530	39370	26283	237870
	Mar. 12, 1960	23367	62548	14259	31679	25447	19475	36519	35817	249111
Sows	Mar. 11, 1961	2294	4344	911	3000	2090	1145	2480	2244	18508
	Mar. 4, 1961	2017	4141	1069	3671	2189	1581	2733	2127	19528
	Mar. 12, 1960	2534	3002	817	3139	1848	1142	2241	2599	17322
SOWS		Percentage of total								
		Mar. 11, 1961	9	8	6	10	7	6	7	7
		Mar. 4, 1961	8	8	7	10	7	7	7	8
		Mar. 12, 1960	10	5	5	9	7	6	7	7

1/ Weighted average.

WEEKLY AVERAGE WHOLESALE VALUE OF HOG PRODUCTS DERIVED FROM 100 LB. LIVE HOG, COMPARED WITH PRICES OF LIVE HOGS, CHICAGO

	Hog products 1/	Hog prices 2/	Gross spread or margin 3/
Mar. 11, 1961	\$19.88	\$18.16	\$1.72
Mar. 4, 1961	20.20	18.12	2.08
Mar. 12, 1960	17.43	15.68	1.75

1/ Value of all edible products, fresh basis (lard rendered) in 100 lb. of live hog computed from wholesale prices on carlot basis, Chicago, reported by National Provisioner daily market report.

2/ Mean of daily quotations on U. S. No. 1, 2 and 3 hogs, 200-220# wt. Chicago.

3/ Difference between wholesale product value and hog prices.

HOG AND CORN PRICES AT CHICAGO AND HOG-CORN PRICE RATIO

Week ended	Barrows and gilts 1/ Dollars per 100 pounds	Corn, 2/ No. 3, yellow Cents per bushel	Hog-corn price ratio based on barrows and gilts
Mar. 11, 1961	17.85	113.9	15.7
Mar. 4, 1961	17.78	111.9	15.9
Mar. 12, 1960	15.38	113.8	13.5

1/ Weighted average. 2/ Simple average.

WHOLESALE MEAT TRADE REVIEWS

LESS THAN CARLOT MEAT TRADE REVIEWS

EASTERN SEABOARD - Steer beef sold steady to \$1.50 lower, bulk 50¢-1.00 off; cow beef steady to \$1.00 lower; veal and calf mostly steady, instances \$2.00 lower at Washington and Baltimore; lamb mostly steady but pronounced weakness at New York and, instances \$2.00 lower at Baltimore. Pork loins were \$1.00-3.00 lower at Baltimore and Philadelphia; steady to \$1.00 lower at other markets. Early downturns at Washington were partially recovered late, largely through urgency in volume accounts and at New York late outlet improved markedly. Fresh skinned hams closed steady to \$2.00 higher and other pork cuts steady to \$3.00 lower.

Prices were 50¢ to mostly \$1.00 lower for Choice and Prime kosher steer forequarters; lamb \$1.00 to mainly \$2.00 off. Kosher veal and calf sold mainly steady to \$1.00 lower.

Trading was generally slow with demand moderately good. Veal and calf were moderately active. Beef chucks were extremely slow at most points while at New York plates, briskets and flanks along with hindquarters moved very slow. Beef supplies were mostly normal and clearance incomplete at Washington and New York. There was some carryover of veal, calf and lamb at New York, but clearance good at other markets. Supplies of veal, calf and lamb were curtailed slightly at Philadelphia and New York. Pork cleared well on the Eastern Seaboard with supplies near normal for the most part.

CHICAGO - Beef closed mostly steady, instances 50¢ lower on Good grade steer carcasses; veal \$1.00-2.00 higher; lamb steady to \$1.00 higher. Pork loins were \$1.00-2.00 higher; Boston butts 4-8# 50¢-1.00 higher; spareribs 3# down steady.

Supplies of beef, lamb and fresh pork were about normal. Good and low-Choice grades predominated in the steer and heifer supply. Comparatively few 35-45# lamb carcasses available, bulk 55# and over. Moderate veal offerings were less than the previous week due primarily to bad weather north of Chicago. Trading on carcass beef was slow with prices mostly steady. Outlets were good for beef ribs but other primal cuts were slow. Additional fabricating aided in the clearance of beef loins. First advance recorded on veal since February 3 this year in a moderately active trade. Trading on lamb generally was slow. Fair early demand on lamb legs, stews and shoulders, all cuts clearing evenly from Wednesday on. Fresh pork trade started slow but turned fairly active on loins and Boston butts.

PACIFIC COAST - Steer beef sold steady to 50¢ higher, mostly steady in San Francisco, cow beef was firm in the northwest and 50¢-1.00 higher in California. Calf and veal were mostly

steady, except weak to \$1.00 lower in Los Angeles. Lamb closed steady to 50¢ higher, the upturn limited to the northwest. Fresh pork sold mostly steady to \$1.00 higher, smoked hams strong to \$2.00 higher and other smoked pork steady.

The supply of steer beef was generally ample, except 500-600# carcasses somewhat short of the demand and trading was rather active. Cow beef continued in rather short supply and trading generally was active. Calf and veal offerings were about normal and trading moderately active. A plentiful supply of lamb sold under a fair demand. The first spring lambs of the season were offered in California. A generous supply of pork cleared fairly well in the northwest, but was slow in California.

CARLOT MEAT TRADE REVIEWS

MIDWEST CARLOT DRESSED MEAT SUMMARY - Choice steer beef closed mostly steady; Good steady to mostly 50¢ lower; heifer beef steady; cow beef 50¢-1.25 higher. Lamb sold 75¢-1.50 higher; pork loins \$1.00-2.00 higher; fresh hams 50¢-2.00 lower; Boston butts steady to 50¢ lower. Pork sides were steady to 35¢ higher.

Steer and heifer beef prices were under pressure despite the reduced supply as demand was rather poor. Clearance of these classes was incomplete. Other classes met a moderately good demand with supplies slightly below normal and clearance generally complete.

Following prices f.o.b. packing plant. Choice 600-700# steer carcasses closed at \$40.25-41.00, few carlots \$41.50; 700-800# \$39.00-40.00, few carlots \$40.50; Good 600-700# \$36.50-38.00, high-Good \$38.25-39.25; Good 700-800# \$36.00-38.00. Choice 500-700# heifer beef closed at mostly \$39.00-39.50; Good \$35.50-37.00; Utility cow beef \$28.50-30.00, some sales in the Eastern section \$30.50-30.75. Choice and few Prime 45-55# lamb carcasses mostly \$33.75-36.00; pork loins 8-12# \$40.50-41.50; fresh hams 12-14# \$41.00-43.50; 14-16# \$39.00-41.00; Boston butts 4-8# \$31.00-33.00. U. S. 1, 2 and 3 135-155# pork carcasses \$25.60-26.45; 155-175# \$25.40-26.35.

CARLOT SUMMARY - Chicago, Denver, New York and Philadelphia. Trading on steer and heifer beef was generally slow with prices on steer beef steady to \$1.00 lower. Heifer beef closed steady to 75¢ higher, except weak to mostly \$1.00 lower at Philadelphia. Cow beef was moderately active, 25¢-1.00 higher, mostly 50¢-1.00 up. Lamb closed strong to \$2.00 higher. Pork loins were \$1.50-2.00 higher in Chicago, but weak to 50¢ lower at Philadelphia.

Supplies of most classes were about normal, except cow beef scarce at Denver. Demand for steer and heifer beef was rather poor at most points with demand for other classes fairly good.

WHOLESALE DRESSED MEAT PRICES - LESS THAN CARLOT BASIS
Weekly average of daily quotations in dollars per 100 pounds

Classification		New York		Chicago		San Francisco		Los Angeles	
		Mar. 11	Mar. 12	Mar. 11	Mar. 12	Mar. 11	Mar. 12	Mar. 11	Mar. 12
		1961	1960	1961	1960	1961	1960	1961	1960
Steer beef -									
Prime	700-800#	44.25	48.00	--	--	--	--	--	--
Choice	600-700	44.25	47.50	43.25	46.00	41.75	44.38	41.06	44.25
	700-800	43.00	46.25	41.75	44.75	40.50	43.00	40.19	42.50
Good	500-600	41.50	44.00	40.50	42.75	41.00	43.50	40.75	43.00
	600-700	41.75	44.50	40.50	42.75	39.25	42.00	39.25	40.62
Heifer beef -									
Choice	500-600#	--	--	41.50	44.50	39.50	43.50	40.94	43.25
	600-700	--	--	41.50	44.50	--	42.50	40.25	42.12
Good	500-600	--	--	39.25	41.50	--	--	40.00	42.00
Veal -									
Prime	90-120#	62.00	64.50	59.80	58.50	--	--	--	--
Choice	90-120	54.00	55.50	53.80	53.50	--	--	--	--
Good	90-120	47.00	50.00	48.20	50.00	53.00	55.00	--	--
Lamb -									
Prime	45-55#	37.75	46.40	37.65	44.38	39.00	44.50	39.50	42.00
Choice	45-55	37.50	44.40	37.65	44.38	39.00	44.50	39.50	42.00
Fresh pork -									
Loins	8-12#	44.95	46.05	43.10	43.65	51.50	48.00	46.50	44.88
Butts	4-8	35.70	34.10	34.05	30.45	42.00	37.50	41.50	35.38
Spareribs	3# down	41.20	39.75	38.00	36.30	46.50	43.00	43.38	41.38
Cured pork -									
Hams, smk. skd. -(Cook before eating)	12-16#	47.50	43.50	52.25	50.25	51.00	50.00	48.62	48.62
Bacon, smoked, sliced - 1# package (box lots)		50.00	38.00	54.50	44.75	57.00	45.00	54.50	46.25
Picnics, smoked - (Cook before eating)	4-8#	33.00	29.70	36.00	33.50	33.00	30.00	35.00	31.62
Lard, 1# carton		18.00	12.62	18.25	12.50	18.00	15.50	19.00	14.75

BULK PRICES - CARLOT BASIS - WEEK ENDED MAR. 10, 1961

Classification		Prices paid F.O.B.			Prices delivered	
		Chicago	Denver	Omaha	New York	Philadelphia
Steer Beef -						
Choice	600-700#	41.00-41.50	40.00-40.50	40.25-40.75	43.00-43.50	42.00-42.50
	700-800	40.00-40.50	39.00-39.50	39.25-39.75	42.00-42.50	41.00-42.00
	800-900	39.00-39.50	38.00-38.50	38.25-38.75	41.00-41.50	39.50-40.50
Good	500-600	37.50-38.50	--	--	40.00-41.00	--
	600-700	37.50-38.50	38.50	37.50-38.25	39.50-41.00	39.00-41.50
	700-800	37.50-38.00	35.00-38.00	36.25-37.25	39.50-40.50	38.00-40.50
Heifer beef -						
Choice	500-600#	39.50-40.00	40.50	39.00-39.25	--	--
	600-700	39.00-39.50	38.00-38.80	39.00-39.25	--	40.50-41.50
Good	500-600	37.00-37.50	--	36.00-36.25	--	--
	600-700	36.50-37.00	--	36.00-36.25	--	--
Cow beef - All weights -						
Utility		29.50-30.50	29.50-31.50	28.50-29.50	--	31.00-31.50
Canner and Cutter		31.00-31.50	--	29.50-30.50	--	30.75-31.50
Lamb -						
Prime	35-45#	37.00-39.00	35.50-36.00	--	38.00-41.00	38.50-39.50
	45-55	35.00-36.00	34.00-35.00	33.75-34.75	36.50-38.00	36.50-37.50
	55-65	32.50-34.00	30.50-32.50	31.75-32.25	34.50-35.50	32.00-33.50
Choice	35-45	37.00-39.00	35.50-36.00	--	38.00-41.00	38.50-39.50
	45-55	35.00-36.00	34.00-35.00	33.75-34.75	36.50-38.00	36.50-37.50
	55-65	32.50-34.00	30.50-32.50	31.75-32.25	34.50-35.50	32.00-33.50
Fresh pork -						
Loins	8-12#	41.00-42.00	--	41.00-41.50	--	41.00-42.00

BOSTON WOOL MARKET REVIEW

Trading for greasy domestic worsted wools at the Boston market was slow as prices held about steady.

Trading on pulled wools was moderately active but supplies of some grades were limited and prices continued firm. Trading for noils was moderately active at steady prices; scoured shorn wools were slow.

Trading in the territory States was slow with only occasional sales made. Trade was slow in Texas, although demand was moderately good for medium fleece wools.

Cabled reports at midweek from Australia showed Japan and the Continent the principal operators with quotations steady to strong. At Timaru, New Zealand, prices were weak under general competition while Italy, Germany and Japan were the principal operators in South Africa at steady prices. Buenos Aires carpet wools were slightly easier while in Montevideo, United States topmakers showed interest in 60s and 60/64s as prices tended slightly easier.

The Crop Reporting Board of the U. S. Department of Agriculture announced the average price received by farmers for wool on February 15, 1961 was 39.9¢ per grease pound. This compared to 39.3¢ for January 15, 1961 and 42.6¢ on February 15, 1960.

Fleece Wools - Mixed medium fleece wools sold at 94¢ clean basis while medium fleece lambs wools brought 80-81¢ clean. Buyers were paying 40-42¢ grease basis to the growers for medium fleeces in the country.

Territory Wools - Original bag territory wool, bulk fine and half-blood grades, good French combing and staple length, sold at \$1.05-1.10 clean basis. Buyers were paying 40-41¢ grease basis to the growers in western Idaho for bulk medium wools and from 38-42¢ for fine and half-blood wools in the Big Horn Basin of Wyoming. Prices paid to growers in the So. San Joaquin Valley of California ranged from 36-42¢ in the grease.

Texas Wools - Trade in Texas was practically at a standstill. Occasional lots of 8 months wool sold around \$1.05 clean basis delivered East.

Mohair - There were sales of mohair at 91½¢ for adult and \$1.21½ for kid hair to the warehouse with occasional small spot lots at 92½¢ and \$1.22½, respectively.

Foreign Wools - Trade in spot foreign wools was very dull. Cabled quotations at week's end follow with combing wools converted to clean U. S. oil-combed yields and short wools to scouring yields, in bond.

Australia		New Zealand	
Oil-combed		Oil-combed	
77 - \$1.15	422 - \$1.01	79 -	\$.92
78 - 1.11	423 - .99	93 -	.86
78A - 1.09	424 - .97	834 -	.86
79 - 1.06	425 - .92	100 -	.83
80 - 1.04		107 -	.79
		114 -	.78
		128 -	.76

South Africa	
Oil-combed	Scoured Yields
7 - \$1.05	17 - \$1.00
8 - 1.03	22 - 1.00
12 - 1.03	23 - .99
47 - 1.03	27 - .99
48 - 1.00	28 - .95
52 - 1.00	32 - .94
53 - .98	33 - .92

Montevideo Super Skirted Wools - 64s - 93¢, 60/64s - 90¢, 60s - 86¢, 60/58s - 84¢, 58/60s - 83¢, 56/50s - 82¢.

Carpet Wools - Trading for carpet wool continued dull. Greasy Buenos Aires November second clips were quoted around 75¢. New Zealand "B" style fleeces at 75-76¢, soft cotts at 74½¢, second shear wools at 74¢ and carpet slipes at 75¢, all clean fibers present for shipment. Dealers were asking 75-76½¢ for white India Vicaneer carpet wools. Pakistan/India carpet wools closed firm at the Liverpool sale with prices generally unchanged.

Woolen Wools - Sales follow:

Scoured Pulled Domestic		Noils
60s 1-2" ave. color	\$.92	Clear Aust. 64s
58/60s 2-3½" stained	.97	nobles \$.91
56/58s 1½-2½" ch. wh.	1.02	Clear Aust.
56/58s 2-3" stained	.92	64/62s nobles.90
56s 2½-3½" ch. wh.	1.05	Semi-clear Aust.
		62/64s nobles .81-82
Greasy Pulled Domestic		Domestic 58s
(Clean basis)		nobles .62
64s 2-3½" choice	\$1.16	Domestic 56s
60/58s 2½-3½" def.	1.07	nobles .58
58s 2½-3½" choice	1.08	Clear N.Z. X-bred
		50s nobles .73

Wool Tops - Trade in wool tops dull. Small odd lots of fleece 54s, territory 56s and fine. Quotes follow:

Warp Aust. D/C		Warp Dom. D/C	
70s -	\$1.82		\$1.72
64s -	1.74		1.67
62s -	1.68		1.62
60s -	1.66		1.53
58/60s	1.63		1.48
Oil-combed		Territory	Fleece
58/60s -	\$1.61	\$1.46	—
56s -	—	1.35	\$1.33
50/56s -	—	1.33	1.30
48/50s -	—	—	1.29

CLOSING FUTURES QUOTATIONS - Mar. 9, 1961
(Furnished by the Wool Associates of the New York Cotton Exchange)

March wool tops	\$1.481
May wool tops	1.490
64s grade - 2.55" minimum length	
March wool	\$1.111
May wool	1.134
64s grade - 2½" ave. stretched length	

EARLY LAMB CROP - MARCH 1, 1961

SHEEP AND LAMBS ON FEED IN 7 STATES: Sheep and lambs on feed for market in 7 major feeding States totaled 1,588,000 head on March 1, 1961--35 percent below the number on feed in these States January 1, 1961, according to the Crop Reporting Board. Texas showed an increase of 2 percent from January 1, 1961. Decreases were 61 percent in Kansas; 51 percent in California; 39 percent in Nebraska; 35 percent in Colorado; 33 percent in South Dakota; and 23 percent in Iowa. The number on feed in Texas does not reflect the total number of yearlings that will be marketed during the next few months as some yearlings were not "on feed" on March 1.

Of the total on feed in the 7 States, 579,000 were placed on feed during January and February. Marketings of fed sheep and lambs during January and February totaled 1,433,000 head for these States.

In the 7 States the classification of sheep and lambs on feed March 1 by weight groups is as follows: under 60 pounds, 21,000 head or 1 percent of the total number on feed; 60-79 pounds, 191,000 head or 12 percent; 80-99 pounds, 931,000 head or 59 percent; and over 100 pounds, 445,000 head or 28 percent. On January 1, 1961, 5 percent were under 60 pounds; 22 percent were 60-79 pounds; 62 percent were 80-99 pounds; and 11 percent were 100 pounds and over.

EARLY LAMB CROP 1961: The number of early lambs in the principal early lamb producing States is about 4 percent above a year earlier. The number of breeding ewes in these States on January 1, 1961, was 2 percent more than a year earlier, and the proportion of ewes lambing early was above a year earlier. The 6 States showing an increase in the number of breeding ewes on farms and ranches January 1, were Kansas, Texas, Idaho, Washington, Oregon, and California; while the 5 States showing decreases were Missouri, Virginia, Kentucky, Tennessee, and Arizona.

The number of early lambs in 3 States (California, Texas, and Kansas) totaled 2,325,000 head for 1961. Estimates of numbers have been developed for these three States as part of the expanded sheep and lambs on feed reporting program which was started last November. Similar data are not available for the other States covered in this report.

In general, the growth and development of early lambs has been faster than normal. Feed grain and hay supplies have been generally adequate in the early lamb States. Except in the Southeast, weather has been mostly favorable, with a very mild winter reported in the northwest. Cold weather and snow in the Southeast delayed growth of grass and was unfavorable for early lambs. However, conditions have improved during the last several weeks.

Texas: Present indications point to an early lamb crop of 892,000 head for 1961 compared with 852,000 a year earlier. This is an increase of 5 percent. The number of ewes on farms and ranches January 1, 1961, was 5 percent larger than a year earlier. The percent of total ewes lambing prior to March 1 was about the same as a year earlier. Moisture supplies are abundant and prospects are for a good supply of spring grass. Peak marketings are expected to be a little earlier this year.

California: The early lamb crop in California totaled 1,261,000 head-- 9 percent above the 1,159,000 early lambs in 1960. The increase in early lambs is the result of a 5 percent larger inventory of ewes on January 1 and a larger percent lambing prior to March 1. Milder than normal temperatures have been favorable for development of early lambs. Adequate feed supplies have been available. The percentage of early lambs in slaughter flesh is expected to be higher than last year.

Kansas: The number of early lambs in Kansas is estimated at 172,000 head for 1961. Comparable data for 1960 are not available. In general, weather has been favorable for early lamb development. Hay and feed supplies are adequate.

Missouri: The early lamb crop is expected to be smaller than last year. The number of ewes on farms January 1 was below a year earlier, and a smaller percentage lambing early this year. Weather this winter has been less severe than last and sheep are generally in good condition. Ample supplies of quality grain and hay were reported generally.

Arizona: A good crop of early lambs was dropped and weather conditions have been very favorable. Irrigated pastures have been good and lambs have made excellent progress. Fall lambs have made good gains and marketing is expected to start by mid-March.

Northwestern States: The early lamb crop in three important Northwestern States is expected to be above last year. The number of ewes on hand January 1 was 3 percent above a year earlier, and the percent of ewes lambing early was above last year. The fall and winter weather was favorable for lambing. Death losses have not been heavy. Idaho: The early lamb crop is making excellent progress. The past fall was open and ewes went into the winter in good condition. The unusually mild weather during the past two months has been very favorable for lambing. Feed supplies are generally adequate. The mild winter has kept feed requirements at a minimum. Washington: Temperatures averaged much above normal and there were no severe storms. Western

THE LIVESTOCK AND MEAT SITUATION

Approved by the Outlook and Situation Board, March 1, 1961

SUMMARY

Increases in the cattle inventory during 1960 plus the expected uptrend in hog production will result in a moderately larger meat output in 1961 than a year earlier. The number of cattle and calves on farms January 1 totaled 97.1 million head, up 1 percent from a year before. The number of sheep and lambs on hand was 1 percent smaller this January. The number of sows on farms was up, about in line with the December intentions of 4 percent more sows to farrow spring pigs. The larger inventories are expected to result in moderately increased marketings during 1961 and livestock prices will probably average nearly as high as in 1960.

Revised estimates for 1955-60 lowered the general level of the U. S. cattle inventory and placed the 1960 total about equal to the previous high mark of 1955. An increase of 900,000 head during 1960 lifted cattle numbers to a record high on January 1, 1961. The increase this January was in beef cattle. Beef cows increased 640,000 and milk cows decreased 236,000 resulting in a gain of 404,000 head in all cows.

Despite the downward revision in inventories, the cattle herd in 1960 was large enough to provide for a record output of beef plus an increase in inventories. Some further increases in slaughter are in prospect for 1961, although the gain will probably not be large enough to halt herd expansion. Overexpansion is still a real possibility if the build-up in herds is accelerated by overly optimistic reactions by producers to the revision in numbers.

The number of cattle and calves on feed January 1 was 6 percent above a year earlier. Cattle slaughter during the next few months will feature a gain in fed cattle. Supplies of nonfed cattle also are as large as or larger than, a year ago. Fed cattle prices are expected to hold close to present levels for some months in contrast to late-winter price increases last year.

The number of hogs on farms this January was 6 percent smaller than in January 1960, with gains in sows more than offset by reductions in other hogs over 6 months old, and in pigs under 6 months of age. Hence, hog slaughter will likely continue below a year earlier until late this spring. Prices of hogs in February were about \$4.50 per 100 pounds above a year ago, and will likely continue above until about midyear. The seasonally high summertime prices will likely average close to a year earlier but prices this fall will be below those in late 1960.

The number of stock sheep and lambs on farms and ranches January 1 was 172,000 below January 1960; the number on feed 66,000 smaller. However, the 1961 lamb crop will probably be as large or larger than in 1960 since the number of ewes 1 year old and older was up 1 percent from a year earlier. Sheep and lamb prices have not shown much recovery from their early-winter low, as slaughter has been nearly as large as a year ago. Prices are expected to rise seasonally this spring and may average about the same as last spring.

Total red meat production for 1961 is forecast at 28.7 billion pounds, slightly more than in 1960. As meat imports will probably not be as large as last year, and because population is increasing, supplies per person may be a pound or more less than the 161.7 pounds consumed in 1960. The reduction in supplies per person will be in pork and will occur chiefly during the first half of the year.

SHEEP AND LAMBS: WEEKLY AVERAGE OF DAILY QUOTATIONS
In dollars per 100 pounds

Classification	Chicago	Omaha	Kansas City	Fort Worth	Denver	Ogden	North Port-land
SLAUGHTER LAMBS: (Wooled) - 110# down							
Prime	Mar. 11, 1961	18.18	--	17.40	--	--	18.00
	Mar. 12, 1960	22.75	22.72	22.28	20.00	22.04	21.35
Choice	Mar. 11, 1961	17.70	17.15	16.88	16.25	17.35	17.00
	Mar. 12, 1960	22.38	21.95	21.28	19.25	21.39	21.10
Good	Mar. 11, 1961	16.45	16.20	15.90	15.75	16.58	15.75
	Mar. 12, 1960	21.75	20.88	20.15	18.88	20.45	20.05
EWES: (Wooled) - All wts.							
Good and	Mar. 11, 1961	7.40	6.75	5.00	--	6.88	5.50
Choice	Mar. 12, 1960	7.50	6.50	6.50	--	7.50	6.50
Cull and	Mar. 11, 1961	6.75	6.00	5.00	6.98*	5.25	4.00
Utility	Mar. 12, 1960	6.45	5.15	5.50	7.55*	5.62	4.50
FEEDER LAMBS: - All wts.							
Good and	Mar. 11, 1961	--	16.75	--	14.75	17.15	16.00
Choice	Mar. 12, 1960	--	19.55	--	18.42	20.60	--

*Shorn basis.

LIVESTOCK PRICES AT CHICAGO COMPARED WITH WHOLESALE AND COMPOSITE RETAIL
MEAT PRICES AND WHOLESALE AND RETAIL MEAT VALUES AT NEW YORK

	Steers		Lambs		Hogs	
	Feb. : 1961	Jan. : 1961	Feb. : 1960	Feb. : 1961	Feb. : 1960	Feb. : 1961
Dollars per 100 pounds						
Live animal prices						
Chicago 1/.....	27.31	28.48	27.87	18.00	17.54	21.05
Wholesale meat prices, New York 2/	45.51	47.23	46.52	39.88	41.02	41.88
Cents per pound						
Composite retail meat prices, New York 3/	77.51	78.54	76.31	60.51	62.03	64.91
Value of carcass meat from 100# live animal (Dollars)						
Wholesale-New York 4/	27.31	28.34	27.91	19.54	20.10	20.52
Retail-New York 5/	36.43	36.91	35.87	28.56	29.28	30.64

1/Av. Choice and Prime steers, 900-1100 lb., Choice and Prime lambs, and U. S. No. 1,2 and 3, 220-240# hogs. 2/ Av. Choice and Prime steer beef, 600-800 lb., and Choice and Prime lamb. 3/ Composite av. of semi-monthly retail quotations on various cuts (incl. lard) combined in proportion to their respective yields from live weight. 4/ 60 lb. of beef carcass, 49 lb. of lamb carcass and 60.43 lb. of principal hog products consisting of smoked, skinned hams, bacon, picnics, fresh loins, Boston butts, spareribs, and carton lard combined in proportion to their respective yields from live weight. 5/ 47.0 lb. of beef cuts, 47.2 lb. of lamb cuts and 58.56 lb. of principal hog products, incl. lard.



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Washington ranges have been open all winter as they have in most of the southern tier of counties east of the Cascades. By March 1, the season was generally considered to be about two weeks early. The trend to earlier lambing continues. Stockmen are now anticipating use of spring grass by mid-March, and present feed supplies are abundant. Oregon: Moderate to heavy precipitation plus mild temperatures have sharply boosted the outlook for early spring grazing. Early development of green feed will favor fast gains for early lambs. Heavy rains at lambing time caused some lamb losses in local areas, but in general losses have been light. The trend to earlier lambing continues.

Southeastern States: The early lamb crop will be below last year in the 3 Southeastern States. Ewe numbers on January 1 were below the previous year in all 3 States, but a larger percent of ewes lambed early than for previous years. In Kentucky January and early February were considerably colder than a year ago. Warmer weather the latter part of February and early March has favored earlier vegetative growth and lambs appear to be in good condition. Growth of lambs in Tennessee has been only fair because of the unfavorable feed situation. With current prospects of adequate pasture, lambs are expected to develop rapidly. However, the present lateness will likely result in marketings running later than usual. Virginia: Although January-February was unusually severe, with exceptionally low temperatures, lambing losses as a whole were not in excess of normal. The winter has required heavy supplemental feeding for sheep. Prospects are now good for grazing crops, and the early lambs should develop rapidly.